Shifting of Delhi's Institutions

3092. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Institutions like Delhi College of Engineering, Kasturba Women Polytechnics have been approved for shifting to other sites in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the shifting will have additional facilities for students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Delhi College of Engineering is being shifted to their new campus at Bawana Road, New Delhi. Delhi Institute of Technology is being shifted to the new campus at Dwarka. Kasturba Polytechnic for Women is being shifted to Pitampura. Ambedkar Memorial Polytechnic has been shifted to Madhuban near Shakarpur. These Institutes have been facing acute space shortage in their old sites. There had been no scope for their expansion. Shifting to the new sites will facilitate additional space and additional facilities for the students like hostel accommodation, lab. facilities etc.

Association of Adivasis and rural poor in afforestation programme in Maharashtra

3093. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for the association of Adivasis and rural poor in the regeneration of degraded forests in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the central funds provided for the purpose during the last three years; year-wise; and

(d) the degraded forests in the State where the plan is under implementation and progress made thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 100% centrally sponsored scheme on "Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis" is under implementation in Maharashtra State since 1993-94. An amount of Rs. 1,18,03,500 have been sanctioned for regeneration of 1500 ha of degraded forests during the period 1993—97.

(c) The central funds released during last three years are as under:

1993-94 Rs. 44,04,000.

1994-95 unspent balance of Rs. 34,04,000 from the released funds of 1993-94 was revalidated.

1995-96 Rs. 51,47,100.

(d) The scheme is under implementation in degraded forests of districts Dhule, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur. The target of regeneration of 1500 ha have been achieved.

Selling of coconuts at low prices in Andhra Pradesh

3094. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers are selling coconuts at very low prices in West and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the findings of such an enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) As per the information gathered, the prices of coconut are ruling at much